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TAGS: PGOV CA KN KS US

SUBJECT: US HELICOPTER DOWNED IN NORTH KOREA:  
PRESS COMMENT

1. EDITORIAL IN HALIFAX "CHRONICLE-HERALD" (7/21/77)  
COMMENDS PRES CARTER FOR HIS HANDLING OF INCIDENT  
INVOLVING DEATHS OF THREE US SERVICEMEN WHOSE  
HELICOPTER WAS DOWNED IN NORTH KOREA. RECALLING  
APOCALYPTIC RHETORIC AND REACTIONS OF PREVIOUS  
ADMINISTRATIONS TO INCIDENTS SUCH AS THIS, EDITORIAL  
SAID OF CARTER: "HIS STEADY DEMEANOUR SHOULD SET  
AN EXAMPLE FOR FUTURE CRISIS MANAGEMENT."

2. PRAISE OF PRESIDENT WAS TEMPERED, HOWEVER, BY  
COMMENT THAT HE HAD PERSONAL STAKE IN KEEPING INCIDENT  
LOW KEY BECAUSE HE SEEKS TO REDUCE US MILITARY PRESENCE  
IN SOUTH KOREA AND HAS MUCH OPPOSITION ON THIS ISSUE  
FROM AMERICAN PUBLIC, THE CONGRESS, AND DOD.

3. NOTING THAT HELICOPTER INCIDENT SHOWED PRES  
CARTER ACTING MORE LIKE A PRESIDENT THAN A COMMANDER,  
EDITORIAL CONCLUDED WITH STATEMENT THAT, ALTHOUGH  
IT SEEMS PRES IS COMMITTED TO ENDING COLD WAR IN ASIA,  
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HIS POSITIONS ON CRUISE MISSILE AND NEUTRON BOMB ARE  
CREATING NEW TENSIONS IN COMMUNIST EUROPE.  
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